

DATE: January 2023

TO: Parent/Guardian of a Kindergartner

FROM: Rossany Brugger, Mandatory Blood Lead Testing Program Coordinator

TOPIC: **Your child may need a blood lead test**

You are receiving this communication because, according to the Iowa Department of Public Health records, your child, who is in kindergarten, may not have received a blood-lead test. If your child has received a blood-lead test at any age before six, please disregard this notice.

If your child has not been tested, please have him or her receive a blood-lead test as soon as possible. Medicaid, Hawk-i and many insurance plans will pay for a blood lead test. If you do not have a way to pay for this test and your child is 5 years-old or younger, please contact our department or your local public health agency to assist you in identifying a place for your child to receive the blood-lead test.

Lead poisoning in Iowa children occurs and is usually associated with learning problems. Receiving a blood-lead test is the only way to identify if your child is lead poisoned.

In 2008, the State of Iowa passed the law Mandatory Blood Lead Testing that requires all children entering kindergarten to have at least one blood-lead test. Find more information at <https://idph.iowa.gov/Portals/1/Files/LPP/Chapter.641.67.pdf>

If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact me.

Yours,



Rossany Brugger
Iowa Department of Public Health
Lead Poisoning Prevention Program
321 E. 12th Street
Des Moines, IA 50319
Phone: (515) 281-3225
Fax: (515) 281-4529
rossany.brugger@idph.iowa.gov